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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The facilities that could be afforded through a co-operative society are always there. If the Harijans are willing to get into a co-operative society, the Government will be only too glad and they will facilitate the formation of a co-operative society for the Harijans."

9 a.m. SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு நிலம் வழங்கும்போது பள்ளர்களுக்கும் பறையர்களுக்குமே அதிகமான அளவுக்கு நிலம் வழங்கப் படுவதாகவும் சக்கிலியர்களுக்கு வழங்கப்படுவதில்லை என்ற புகார் சர்க்காருடைய கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, such questions will only create ill-feeling among the Harijans themselves. So, I request the hon. Member not to put such questions."

House-rent allowance to the Kozhikode Municipal workers.

* 2150 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have passed orders recently instructing the Kozhikode Municipality not to pay house-rent allowance to the workers employed under the Municipality for kerosene lighting?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether these workers are under the municipality and if so what is the reason for the Government's passing an order not to give allowance to the concerned workers? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, house-rent allowance is not admissible to the workers (menials) paid from contingencies, as they are not borne on the regular establishment of a local body and are treated as casual labourers. An exception has, however, been made in the case of sanitary workers (scavengers, sweepers, etc.), borne on the public health staff, as their work is of a special nature which others will not ordinarily do and they are paid house-rent allowance. Such an exception cannot be made in the case of lighters whose work any labourer will do."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since we are heading towards a socialistic pattern of the A brand or the Avadi brand and since young unmarried I.A.S. Officers, out of that socialistic impulse are paid a city allowance of Rs. 200 and a house-rent allowance of Rs. 75 will the Government be pleased to see that the same impulse of the A brand socialism holds good in the case of the poor menial workers of the municipalities by giving them some kind of house-rent allowance? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Poor municipalities cannot take to such high ideas now."